### A COUNTRY ▷

We had a good rain Saturday, De-cember 22. The first rain to amount to anything since the last of October.

Norman Davis went out to Wyoming a few months ago to work in the mountains. He had an attack of rheu matism while there and returned home a couple of weeks sines. When he re turned he was almost helpless. He is now about well.

Christmas came on Friday to many this year. The teacher and scholars of Illinois had a fine tree and appropriate exercises that day. Each scholar placed a present on the tree for some schoolmate. The teacher, Miss Jessie Mclaniel, gave a treat to all the scholars are a good attendance of Mclaniel, gave a treat to all the schol-ars. There was a good attendance of the parents. The Antioch school were visitors also that day. The Clark school had a good program for the oc-casion the same afternoon. Jackson Center had theirs at night the same date. The schools will have the usual holiday vacation.

The wolf hunt last Saturday did not materialize if we may judge by the start from the southeast corner.

Vin: Nutt is shelling corn in the meighborhood when the weather per

One of the large posters of the institnte was hung up in one of our school hou es two days. Nealy every scholar in that school, who was large enough. attended the evening session.

Prof. H T. Nichol gave a kineto scope and graphophone exhibition at the Rome church Wednesday night,

ding which took place a few days year,

They will try the wolf hunt again the last of the week.

ROME FARMERS' INSTITUTE,

The first farmers institute was held and most practical speakers in the county. He presented the subject in an interesting and practical way Fa-wors early sowing as far as possible from the 18th of September; thosough cultivation of the ground; cutting as first ripe as possible; early in the sea-son sows one bashel per acre, as the made happy by season advances increase the quantity Sunday schools to one and a half bushel.

After a splendid pienie, dinner was

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charts showing the value of fertility mer, are in town visiting Hon, Chummy
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Fields and other friends

fa will get the start of the weeds in the increased business of his firm. the spring to drilling. ring; prefers broadcast sowing

train and stayed until 4 p. m. He was a lied on to address the institute on tion here for a number of "Consolidating Schools." He presented the advantages of it in a strong way. The time was limited so that he way. The time was limited so that he could not go into the subject as he

would if he had had more time At an early hour the hall was well filled again. A large per cent being

Prof. Cottrell's subject was "How to Make Farming Pay." The first part was addressed to the young men and The first part women having the advantages of the course of study of the agricultural college Wheat exhausts the ground more than corn. History shows that exclusive wheat raising for years ruins any country. We must raise more any country. We must ruise more cattle and forage crops that will en-rich instead of impoverish the soll.

"How to Beautify Our Homes" was assigned to Miss Holland. She being absent Prof. Cottrell was requested to fill the place. He gave the negative is accomplished and ref side of the question. He described the sod houses on the short grass region during the depression. It was a dark picture.

Chenoweth and Miss Cole enliv-Mr ened the afternoon and evening sessions with good music. Fred Omo assisted in the evening.

As 'ar as we have heard all who attended were well pleased and wish the institute to become a permanent institute. People came ten miles to at-

#### Mayfield.

Mrs. Selfredge and daughter have one to Colorado to spend the holi-

Rev. Link Snyder preached at the M. E. church Tuesday night. Elmer and Ralph Stockings, who are attending school at Winfield, came

home to spend Christmas. Ralph Gilbert, who is attending school at Emporia, is spending the hol-

idays at home Dr. Leonard Sanders and Dr. Herschel Neel, who are attending a mediical college at Kansas City, are spend-ing their vacation at home.

Mrs H. L. Deer is quite sick.

Will Deer, who is going to school at Sedalia, Mo., is here during the holi-

Mr. and Mrs Walker of Illinois are here visiting the latter's parents, Mr. Mat Gililiand and family came up from the Strip to spend the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

me visiting relatives here.

**BAKING** 

Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

BOYAL BAKING POWDER DO ... NEW YORK

The union Christmas exercises and tree at the Baptist church Monday night was well attended. The exercises were very good. Old Santa came and talked to the children. Most every one present got a treat or present off

Mr J. H Martin has lost quite a number of calves, caused by black leg. What he had left were taken over to Mayfield Monday to be vaccinated as a preventative.

Chester Good, we are sorry to report, has taken a relapse

J. L. Goodrum's baby is quite sick. Elzie Parish Freeman and family of near Renfrow, came up Sunday to spend Christmas.

Grace Good is very sick with typhoid

The Methodists will commence a series of meetings next Sunday night Mrs George Weber is being visited sister from the eastern part of the state.

#### Caldwell.

Your scribe took in the poultry show at Wellington and I would say it was a good show and the exhibitors are proud There was a company gave a concert of their display as it was a grand s Last week Mr. Omo built a flue on Dr. Daniel's house Dr. basiel's house Dr. assisted him. It is not often we see two men over attended in the county. A good this not often we see two men over display of Belgian hares, pigeons and other pet stock but the premiums were story house. They were getting the house in readiness for the Dr's, wed-flue with the premium were not of sufficient value to induce connection. We must rectify this mistake next

(From Another Correspondent,) Another stone has been added to the pyramid of time from whence the joureymen of earth may look back upon the plane of life and reflect on its usefulness or its fruitlessness. The Christmas time Peck. at the bull in Rome on Tuesday, the is the one time of year when the root 18th The first topic was "Wheat Cul-18th The first topic was "Wheat Cul-ture" by Jasper Williams. All who know him know he is one of the best face toward the hearthstone and the memories of youth fill him with recollec-tions that make him nearer the image of from the 18th of September; thosough cultivation of the ground; entting as near the time that all the heads are first ripe as possible; early in the season sows one bushel per acce, as the made happy by the various churches and

Senator Elect R. T. Simons was in To-After a splendid pienie, dinner was served in the hall.

Prof. Clothier gave an address on "Soil Cultare." Showing how the water rises from below and evaporates when it reaches the surface The ground should be thoroughly pulvers.

differ at crops for feed.

Free on Wyckoff led on the "Alfalts are used to spend Christmas with his family. He will seeds of crab grass or other weeds, sow in the fall so that the alfalts with seeds of the distribution of the decrease with seeds of the grass or other weeds, sow in the fall so that the alfalts with the seeds of the grass or other with the seeds of the grass or other weeks, sow in the fall so that the alfalts with the seeds of the grass of t

H. A. Ross left Christmas morning t Charles Covell gave an interesting talk on "The Horse for Kansas Farmers" The draft horse is the most profitable borse for the farmer to raise Choose some good breed and stick to it; raise the best or none.

The question boy was a small thanks and a small training to from a succession of the farmer to raise choose some good breed and stick to it; raise the best or none.

modating agent at the Santa Fe depot, has been tendered the station at Alva, It; raise the best or none.

The question box was answered by Prof. Cottrell and others. The best soil for an orchard in the locality is sume his new duties some time this week, and his family will follow as soon week, and his family will follow as soon to house to move into. Prof. Stryker came down on the noon as they can get a house to move into.

rain and stayed until 4 p. m. He was Mr. Maxwell has had charge of the stayears, and b his good business methods, uniform cour tesy and good fellowship has been able to hold the trade for his line over the most desperate competition. Caldwell loses a most estimable family, and the best wishes of all go with them to their new home.

> Claude and Carl Lynch of Wellington were here a couple of days last week visiting their brother, C. S. Lynch.

John Ryland and Miss Novella Cross lin, both of this city, were married at the Baptist church. December 25th. the Baptist church. December 25th These are two of Caldwell's most popu lar young people and their union promises to be most auspicious. The groom is proprietor of one of the leading barber shops and is a man of excellent hab its, industrious and prosperous. The now carried on, contractor and builder, of this city. She is a graduate of the Caldwell high school: complished and refined, sensible of John is indeed fortunate to win her for his bride.

S. C. Burnette was looking after legal ousiness at Perth and Wellington last

Jim Cutshall has sold his farm of 16 acres, three miles west of town, to C. J. Humphrey of Wellington. Consideration \$1450

Emerson Gummings drifted in from Denver to spend the holidays with his parents (?) Emerson has acquired that east, gay and breezy western tyle since he left these parts.

#### Argonia.

Mrs. J. O. Matthews and Pearl Marshall were visitors at the seat of justice Wednesday.

Prof. Lynn entertained the pupils of the high school at his home Friday even-ing. Most all of his pupils were present. The evening was spent in playing games and social chat. Mr. Lynn and wife proved themselves to be charming enter-

Our city band gave their fourth annual concert at the I.O.O.F. hall Saturday evening. In spite of the inclement weather a large crowd was present to show their gratitude and interest they have in the band. The program rendered was an excellent one. Some few others took war in the respect.

men went out on a rabbit hunt Tuesday They succeeded in killing seventy-six of the pests. The same day another company of five went out and succeeded in killing 125 of the animals. An interest ng time and lots of fun are reported by oth companies.

Paul Burkholtz, who has been in our community for several years, returned to his home in Illinois Thursday.

Goldie Warbourton came home from Winfield Saturday to spend vacation with her parents.

Earnie and Frank Jones arrived Sun-day from Pittsburg, Kans., to visit their parents.

Many college and high school students are spending their vacation at home. Ezra Bland and Miss Nettie Ioerger ere married Wednesday night, Rev. I.

F. Hodge officiating. Frank Beals opened a night school of ven pupils Wednesday evening A. W. Lynn and family are visiting

relatives at Iola, Neb. The M. E. Sunday school gave their nal Christmas exercises on Monday vening.

Rev. Snyder is holding a series of neetings at the Baptist church. John Widick and wife of Pond Creek

Okla., are visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Tannehull. Miss Iva Dilley returned Thursday evening from Texas where she has been

visiting Mr. Green, brother of Edith Green was in the city Friday.

## Valley Center School.

Daniel Morris will spend his vaca-on with relatives in the vicinity of Mr. Brownwell of Caldwelll is work

ing for Geo. Mitchell. Miss Mande Watts is the guest of

relatives and friends in Oklahoma. A pleasant rain greeted the first pales of Saturday's dawn and was a happy surprise to all. Wheat was in

Messrs. H. E. and Robert Jordan came down from Kansas City recently. H. E. is a student in dentistry at Kansas City and will spend vacation with relatives and friends in this commu-

W. H. Woodhouse will leave Tues day for Hutchinson, Kansas. Mrs S. J. Rerick lost another mule

recently; the remaining animals are now under quarantine by order of the county sheriff. Mrs. J. Mitchell of El Bono, O. T.,

is visiting with her son, Mr. George

An audience filling the house to its othost capacity and occupying much room without the win-ows listened to the play of "A Noble Outcast" last Friday evening at the Valley Center literary society. All seemed highly pleased with the performance and from all appearances It was a decided

S. H. Lambdin returned from Kansas City medical college last Friday night. Stanfield looks well and hearty and has lost none of his old time cordiality and cheerfuiness which has and will make him friends,

Valley Center school dismissed Friday last for a week's vacation and rec-

Miss Stella Ricord will leave in a few days for Oklahoma on an extended

risit The caste of players for the drama of 'A Noble Outcast' is to be rendered is to be rendered at Mr. Dawson's residence next Tues day evening.

Mrs. George Mitchell, who is visiting in New York writes that she is enjoying a very pleasant visit there.

#### Council Hill.

Frank Piatt came in from Argonia last week where he has been threshing wheat, Parties are all the rage in this commu ity. It is a good thing for young peo ple to come together in social gathe -and older ones, too, for that matter, but I doubt whether there be any elevating influence in the modern party as

The sad news of the death of little Eva Shaw at Pond Creek, Okla., comes to us. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are old friends of

The wheat fields that have been pas tured are beginning to get short.

Miss Agnes Greenlee of Emporia has een visiting at Council Hill for a few

Herman Craw of Hayesville, the phonograph man, has been giving entertain-ments in the Arkansas Valley of late. Eld. G. H. Corn, wife and little daughter visited at Council Hill last Monday. The old man is quite proud of the little daughter of his old age.

We visited the high school last Thurs day and found the institution in excel-lent running order. Dollie Winkle, Minnie Howe and Miss Ester represent this neighborhood in the school.

Mrs. Geo. A. Davis has our sympathy and the sympathy of the entire commu-nity in the loss of her husband, who fell a short time ago from Mr. Turney's barn and died from the injuries received a few days later.

Charlie Bishop, our teacher, took in the lecture at Wellington Friday evening. Charlie Bish

rents, near Blackwell, who have just reurned from Kentucky. The wolf hunt to extend over Walton

ownship promises to be a big thing. The rain Saturday was a boon to the

Say, brother, when your neighbor calls to see you about that free delivery peti-tion treat him kindly, sign it and send him on his way rejoicing.

The literary at Green school house was voted quite a success Friday night. Dutchy sang for us greatly to our enter-

Question for debate next Friday night: Resolved, "That Men Become Great by Imitation." Dodson and Strong, cham-

District Eighty-Three had an interestng Christmas program Friday evening. Santa Claus appeared on time distributing his burden among the children. The children did well and everything went off commendably

Our citizens are experiencing quite an inconvenience from discontinuance of Cleardale postoffice. We think they would be ready to sign a petition to es-tablish a tree delivery route,

#### Marriage Licenses.

Montie Wagoner, 20..... Argonia Idonia Beals, 20..... Argonia Artie Freeman, over 21... Mayfield Emma Getty, over 21.... Mayfield J. M. Francis, 22 .... Conway Springs Evalyn S. Gooch, 20.Conway Springs Wm. Whitson, 24.....Guthrie, O.T. Emma L. Newton, 21.....Mulvane Richard Courtright, 20. . Blackstone Alma U. Crouch, 21. ... Lyle, O.T. J. F. Ryland, 25., ...... Caldwell Novella M. Crosslin, 19..... Caldwell J. J. Hall, 27. ..... Caldwell Jennie N. Williams, 27. ... Caldwell G. W. Schaffer, 45,....Schaffer, O.T. Lenora Arcett, 35,.....Belle Plaine A. J. Dowis 22......Perth Minnie Pratt, 21.....Perth 

ivenue, is being opened up and will make a delightful drive to the County High school building. At present High school building is west on Har-vey and north on Chestnut, The pering of Twelfth street will make a better drive, and make the school more accessible for buggles and teams. The Rock Island railroad will put in crossings on Twelfth street soon, and the city at present has a force of nen at work grading the street, cutting down hills and filling in low places. The city recently opend F street north of Eleventh, cutting down the old Santa Fe grade and filling in a place tweive or fifteen feet. deen. These improvements have helped the appearance of northwest. Weilington considerably, and added a great deal to the value of property

#### E. E. Brown gives Trading Stamps

On account of the rain, the Perth 183 wolf hunt, which was announced for Saturday, was postponed until Friday of this week. In the event of stormy westber Friday, the hunt will occur cover 25 square miles of Jackson township, the north line of which is one miles south of the township line and the east line of which is the South Haven township road. The drive will begin promptly at 10 a m. and all participants in the chase wil strictly under the command of the officers in concer. Will Laprant, Lee Est. John Jeffreys, L. W. Johnson and Erith Brown. No large rifles of Winchesters will be allowed. A number of Wellington people will take part in the chase.

The night before Christmas Santa Claus visited the poor farm and left presents for all the inmates which were distributed Christmas morning by Superintendent J. A. Stewart, and were received with many evidences of satisfaction by the inmates. The day was spent in a social way. At noon the inmates all sat down to a turkey of inner, which was provided by Mrs. Stewart, the matron of the institucalled to memory many such occasions when they were in more fortunate

J. J. Hall and Jennie N. Williams, both of Caldwell, were married by Probate Judge Staffelbach Monday.

#### \$25,000.00 Given Away.

In the past year Dr. Pierce has given away copies of his great work, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, at an expense to him of \$25,000.0 exclusive of postage This standard book on medicine and hygiene, contains 1008 pages and more than 700 il-lustrations. It treats of the greatest and gravest problems of human life in simple English, from a common sense point of view. It answers those ques tions of sex which linger unspoken upon the lips of youth and maiden. It is essentially a family book, and its advice in a moment of sudden illness or accident may be the means of sav-ing a valuable life. This great work is sent absolutely free on received stamps to pay the cost of mailing only Send 31 one-cent stamps for the book in paper binding, or 31 stamps for cloth covers. Address Dr. R. V Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

#### Notice of Annual Meeting.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Southern Kansas Mutual Insurance Company will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 1901, at 1 o'clock p. m., at the general office with Renn & Newbold, Wellington Kansas. Five directors for three year one for two years and two for one year will be elected, and other matters of import-ance will be discussed. All members in good standing will have a voice in the

A. J. McManis, President, W. J. NEWBOLD, Secretary.

Emporia Gazette: Eldorado girls Cleardale.

Sam Whitehead went on a visit to his \$2,500 for "breach of contract." It was an Emporia girl who wanted her steady to put up a \$30,000 bond that he meant business when he called the third time.... A woman writes to this office to say that the Gazette should res took part in the program. These deserve special mention: Drill by the primary pupils; "Modern Vandeville" by four little girls; "Old Maid's Consolation" by the Yellow Hammer quartet, and the different selections by the band. The people of the city feel very proud of the boys and felt themselves fully repaid for their attendance.

The rain Saturday was a boon to the wheat.

E. Nuttle has procured an agency outfalled in the is not some womand trifing that he is not some woman's Ideal Mao. To which the Gazette should quit making fun of worthless men. She says that the Gazette should quit making fun of worthless men. She says that the Gazette should quit making fun of worthless men. She says that there isn's a man in town so poor and trifing that he is not some woman's Ideal Mao. To which the Gazette should quit making fun of more there isn's a man in town so poor and trifing that he is not some woman's Ideal Mao. To which the Gazette should quit making fun of more there isn's a man in town so poor and trifing that he is not some woman's Ideal Mao. To which the Gazette should quit making fun of more than the isn's a man in town so poor and trifing that he is not some woman's Ideal Mao. To which the Gazette should quit making fun of women and their affection for worthless men. She says that the Gazette should quit making fun of women and their affection for worthless men. She says that the Gazette should quit making fun of more worthless men. She says that there isn's a man in town so poor and trifing that he is not some worm and trifing th

# RACKET TRACKET TRACKET TRACKET TRACKET TRACKET AT THE CLOSE OF ANOTHER YEAR

We wish to thank our many customers for their liberal patronage during our immense fall trade and holiday trade. We also wish to jog your memory of the fact that we are in a position to give you better values for your money than ever before. will again shortly begin to pile up one of the biggest and best stocks ever offered in Sumner county.

Thanking you in advance for all the courtesies and wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, we are, yours for business, which pays you as well as us.

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THIS WEEK WE PUT ON SALE

# Winter Suits and Overcoats

At greatly reduced prices. We keep the best clothing we can bny. We do it because we know it will pay us to do it. We know that if a man comes here and gets

> Stylish, Comfortable, Well-fitting Clothing,

at a low price he will come again. Our regular prices are cheaper than others prices, and these

> Special Prices Make Great Bargains

IT will PAY YOU to SEE US

Suits \$5.00 and up Overcoats and Ulsters \$3.50 and up

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# CLOSING OH Sale of Chinaware

We still have a very good assortment of Lamps and Chinaware to sell at reduced prices. There is nothing that would make a more useful New Year's present than a nice China set or one of those beautiful Red Lamps.

We are closing out our China Lamps and Queensware to make room for other line of goods. Now is your time to buy and save money.

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